

**ANNOUNCING THE 2012 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARDS:
FROM AGENDA ITEM TO MAIN EVENT**

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**They make a difference to others. Now make a difference to them.
Nominate your local outstanding co-worker(s) today!**

Nomination Deadline is Wednesday, August 8, 2012

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Employee of the Year Awards returns to the picturesque Center for Healthy Communities at the California Endowment Center on Thursday, October 18, 2012, from 1:30PM to 3:30PM.

The event has steadily grown in nominations, attendance and overall popularity, and has transitioned from an informal agenda item prior the commencement of the department's formal expanded management meeting to a highly anticipated main event. The event has become a real "happening" that other departments have taken notice of and are considering replicating. At the heart of the awards is still a celebration of the dedication and outstanding work of everyday extraordinary co-workers throughout our department.

2012 marks the first year that the celebration will take center stage as a stand-alone event and will not precede an expanded management meeting. You can be a part of this historic event by nominating local exceptional co-workers, who (individually or as a team) embody the department's mission of "enriching lives through partnerships designed to strengthen the community's capacity to support recovery and resiliency."

The 2012 Employee of the Year nomination application is available now on the LACDMH intranet! Please use the following link <http://dmhhqportal1/Forms/default.aspx> and locate the form under the "**Employee of the Year Nomination**" heading. It is

important to include specific examples of your nominee's actions and activities which merit consideration for an award. Keep in mind that only staff in good standing and who were NOT nominated last year will be considered for this year's awards. **The deadline to submit your nomination is Wednesday, August 8, 2012.**